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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Options for the rescheduling of the Main Committees of the General Assembly

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction and background

1. In its resolution 58/126, the General Assembly indicated that the work of its Main Committees might benefit if they were scheduled over two substantive periods during the session. The Assembly emphasized that such rescheduling should not lead to additional costs, additional or longer meetings, or staggered work schedules of the Main Committees. With a view to enabling the Assembly to consider changes in this regard, with effect from its sixtieth session, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to present, by 1 February 2004, various options for its consideration, taking into account the requirements of the relevant intergovernmental bodies and the different locations of their meetings and the budget cycle. The present report has been prepared in compliance with that request.

2. It should be noted that the calendar of conferences and meetings of the hundreds of United Nations and related bodies at all the duty stations has evolved and significantly expanded during the past five decades. As new mandates were adopted, new bodies created and sessional dates and locations decided upon, so were substantive, technical and conference-servicing capacities created to accommodate those meetings. As the system grew more complex, covering many emerging substantive issues of international concern, the calendar also became more complex, with parent organs establishing subsidiary bodies and setting up their reporting lines to the Charter organs. The servicing mechanism kept pace with the growth of the system and made the functioning of the intergovernmental machinery possible throughout the years.

3. In the current system, the largest and most intensive culmination of meeting activities occurs during the main part of the General Assembly session, from mid-September to mid-December. In the context of discussions on the reform and revitalization of the Assembly, Member States and regional groups have expressed growing support for modifying the programme of work of the Assembly, arguing

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that the compression of work into a three-month period, however desirable it might have proven to be in the past, has long since become both counter-intuitive and counterproductive. That was found to be particularly true for countries with smaller delegations. Thus, the Secretariat was requested to provide various alternative scenarios for the consideration of Member States.

II. Options

4. In compliance with that request, the Secretariat has prepared two versions of a mock calendar of conferences and meetings for 2005 (see annexes I and II). In this tentative and indicative draft, when reconfiguring the meeting schedule of the Main Committees, every effort was made to do so in a way that disturbs to the least extent possible the working relationships and reporting obligations of subsidiary and related organs. The underpinnings of the prospective programme, as envisaged, are that the plenary will meet as required in the course of the year to take up items emerging from the Main Committees, along with other items and issues under its domain. The General Debate would remain in its usual time frame, commencing the Tuesday after the opening of the session of the General Assembly.

5. It is equally important to note that the mock calendars do not envisage additional meetings (the only exception being the International Law Weeks in option I (see annex I, item 205)) or additional costs for meeting servicing. No meeting venue was changed in either version.

6. When preparing the mock calendars, in addition to the aforementioned main considerations, the focus was on the physical possibility of providing meetings and documentation services to the Main Committees and other major organs and their subsidiary machinery.

7. In the process of preparing the options, limited consultations took place within the substantive and servicing departments and at the various duty stations. An early version of option I was circulated to Member States late in 2003 and the valuable feedback received was taken into account when preparing the updated version of option I as well as option II. Owing to time constraints, the finer details of the reporting obligations and timing requirements will have to be considered at a later stage. In addition, at the various duty stations, further consultations will be necessary with the agencies and treaty bodies that are serviced by the relevant duty stations.

8. Intensive dialogue within the Secretariat and with the Member States will be required to make either of these options feasible. Bearing this in mind, the options and the reconfigured meetings schedules of the Main Committees and their related organs should be considered as indicative, not as definite. Some bodies have been included with specific dates in the options, although in the 2005 calendar, as adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 58/250, no dates had been fixed. It was necessary to do so in order to verify if the required conference services workload could be absorbed in the tentatively indicated time frames. To facilitate easy comparison the dates from the adopted calendar are included with the new dates in the mock calendars. If there is no change between adopted and mock dates, it is indicated by "Same".

9. The following features of the mock Calendars should be highlighted:

- In option I, the First, Fourth and Sixth Committees would meet in the January-May period; the Second and Third Committees would meet in the September-December period. The substantive session of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies would be left mostly unchanged. There will, however, be changes in some of the bodies in the disarmament and legal fields
- In option II, the Second and Third Committees would meet in the February-May period, the First, Fourth and Sixth Committees would meet in the October-December period. With this option, most of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council, as well as the Council itself, would need to be changed. The Council would have its session in July, as in the adopted calendar, with the exception of the review of its subsidiaries, which would need to take place in January to make it possible for the Second and Third Committees to consider their relevant decisions in February-March. (It should be noted that while another option to make this review possible would be to schedule the full substantive session of the Council in November-December, it was determined that this option would, in effect, recreate a full meeting calendar for the latter part of the year, thus contradicting the primary purpose of this exercise)
- In both options, the organs involved in the regular budget review (Fifth Committee, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Committee for Programme and Coordination) were kept close to their "current" dates
- In both options, the First and Fourth Committees are scheduled as they are currently, that is, to alternate their meetings mornings and afternoons. Alternatively, they could meet one after the other, with their programmes of work condensed into shorter, more intensive sessions, with meetings both mornings and afternoons, or the meetings could be spread out, with only one meeting a day over a longer period of time.

III. Other considerations

10. It should be noted that certain elements of the two options would conflict with standing mandates. Should either option, or variation thereon, be chosen, such mandates would need to be reformulated. For example, in both options I and II, resolution 40/243 would need to be amended concerning the 1 September reporting deadline for General Assembly subsidiaries and a decision would have to be taken pertaining to paragraph 1.7 of that resolution regarding simultaneous meetings of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly and the Assembly itself.

11. Should option I be selected, the Conference on Disarmament may need to revise its rules of procedure to reduce or time differently the first part of its session prior to the meetings of the First Committee.

12. Should option II be chosen, the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council would need to be amended to reflect the new timing of the session, as would Council resolution 1982/50, by which the Council requires that all subsidiaries end their session at least eight weeks before the Council's substantive session.

13. However, such changes could easily be accomplished by an omnibus resolution of the General Assembly revising the provisions of all relevant resolutions.

IV. Conclusions

14. As indicated in the annexes to the present report, it is feasible, from a conference servicing point of view, to stagger in a number of ways the meetings of the Main Committees of the General Assembly and other intergovernmental and subsidiary bodies over two substantive periods. It is also clear that regardless of which option is chosen, there are numerous implications for the calendar of conferences.

15. Should it be the intention of the General Assembly to achieve the objective of staggering the meetings of its Main Committees with the least possible disruption in the schedule of other meetings of the United Nations, then option 1 appears to be more conducive. It should be noted that the largest number of subsidiary bodies are in the economic and social field and, in the scenario envisaged in option 1, the current schedule of those bodies would be disrupted only slightly. As indicated above, more detailed consultations would be necessary, following the consultations of the General Committee and the General Assembly, to refine further any proposed new schedule.

Annex I

Tentative proposed draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations, 2005 (Option 1)

	Organ	*Dates (2005)*	*New Dates (2005)*	*Location*
1.	Group of governmental experts to conduct a study on developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security, second session [General Assembly resolution 56/19]	To be determined (1 week)	3-7 January	New York
2.	United Nations Forum on Forests, fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35 and decision 2001/218]	16-27 May	3-14 January	New York
3.	Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women, forty-fifth session [General Assembly resolutions 31/133 and 39/125]	January	6 January	New York
4.	Economic and Social Council, election of Bureau [Charter]	7 January	Same	New York
5.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, thirty-second session [General Assembly resolutions 34/180 and 51/68]	10-28 January	Same	New York
6.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, thirty-eighth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	10-28 January	Same	Geneva
7.	General Assembly, Sixth Committee [Charter]	October-November (6 weeks)	10 January-18 February	New York
8.	Military Staff Committee [Charter]	14 January, once every fortnight thereafter	Same	New York
9.	Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters [General Assembly resolution 37/99 K]	February (3-4 days)	17-19 January	New York
10.	UNICEF, Executive Board, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	17-21 January	Same	New York
11.	UNDP and UNFPA, Executive Board, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	24-28 January	Same	New York
12.	United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, Board of Trustees [General Assembly resolution 46/122]	24-28 January	Same	Geneva
13.	Second Open-ended Working Group on an International Instrument to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons [General Assembly resolution 58/241]	31 January-11 February	24 January-4 February	New York
14.	Economic and Social Council, organizational session [Charter]	1-4 February	25-28 January	New York
15.	United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	January/February (1 meeting)	28 January	New York
16.	Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP [General Assembly resolution 52/12 B]	January (1 day)	31 January	New York
17.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124, 47/94 and 51/68]	31 January-4 February	Same	New York

	Organ	*Dates (2003)*	*New Dates (2003)*	*Location*
18.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Working Group on the Optional Protocol [General Assembly resolution 55/70]	31 January-4 February	Same	New York
19.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	31 January-4 February	Same	Geneva
20.	International Narcotics Control Board, eighty-second session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	31 January-4 February	Same	Vienna
21.	WFP, Executive Board, first regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	31 January-4 February	Same	Rome
22.	UNCTAD, Working Party on the medium-term plan and the programme budget, forty-fourth session, first part [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	January (1 week)	Same	Geneva
23.	UNCTAD, Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	January	Same	Geneva
24.	Commission on Human Rights, intergovernmental working group on effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action [Economic and Social Council decision 2003/246]	January/February (2 weeks)	Same	Geneva
25.	Conference on Disarmament, first part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	January-March (10 weeks)	Same	Geneva
26.	Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	1 February-24 March	Same	New York
27.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Situations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/41]	7-11 February	Same	Geneva
28.	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations [Economic and Social Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1296 (XLIV) and decisions 1995/304 and 1997/297]	9-27 May	7-25 February	New York
29.	General Assembly, Fourth Committee [Charter]	October-November (5 weeks)	7 February-18 March	New York
30.	General Assembly, First Committee [Charter]	October-November (6 weeks)	7 February-18 March	New York
31.	Commission for Social Development, forty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 10 (II), 1139 (XLI) and 1996/7]	9-18 February	Same	New York
32.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	February	11 February	New York
33.	UNEP, Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, twenty-third session [General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) and 42/185]	21-25 February	Same	Nairobi
34.	Statistical Commission, thirty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/8]	1-4 March	22-25 February	New York
35.	Tenth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child [General Assembly resolution 44/25]	February (1 day)	23 February	New York

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36.	Intergovernmental preparatory meeting for the thirteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development [Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/61]	28 February-4 March	Same	New York
37.	United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations, Board of Trustees [General Assembly resolution 40/131]	28 February-4 March	Same	Geneva
38.	Commission on the Status of Women, forty-ninth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1999/257]	28 February-11 March	Same	New York
39.	Commission on Human Rights, working group of experts on people of African descent [Economic and Social Council decision 2003/246]	February (2 weeks)	Same	Geneva
40.	UNCTAD, Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	February	Same	Geneva
41.	UNCTAD, Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	February	Same	Geneva
42.	Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP [Governing Council decision 13/2]	February	Same	Nairobi
43.	Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [General Assembly resolution 1729 (XVI)]	November (1 meeting)	2 March	New York
44.	Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	March (1 week)	7-11 March	New York
45.	Commission on Population and Development, thirty-eighth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 150 (VII), 87 (LVII) and 1995/55]	4-8 April	7-11 March	New York
46.	Advisory Group of the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [General Assembly resolution 48/163]	7-11 March	Same	Geneva
47.	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, sixty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)]	7-25 March	Same	Geneva
48.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, forty-eighth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39]	8-17 March	Same	Vienna
49.	Committee of the Whole of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs [Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39]	8-17 March (4 days)	Same	Vienna
50.	Commission on Sustainable Development, thirteenth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/207]	14 March-1 April	Same	New York
51.	Human Rights Committee, eighty-third session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	March/April (3 weeks)	14 March-1 April	New York
52.	Commission on Human Rights, sixty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	14 March-22 April	Same	Geneva
53.	Committee for the United Nations Population Award [General Assembly resolution 36/201]	March/April (2 days)	21-22 March	New York

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54.	Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization	14-24 March	21 March-1 April	New York
55.	General Assembly, Fifth Committee, resumed session [Charter]	March-May (8 weeks)	28 March-22 April and 2-27 May	New York
56.	UNITAR, Board of Trustees, forty-third session, first part [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227]	March (2-3 days)	Same	Geneva
57.	Group of governmental experts of the States parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects, tenth session [Decision of the States parties, December 2001]	March	Same	Geneva
58.	Security Council, Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 692 (1991), forty-seventh session	March	Same	Geneva
59.	ECE, sixtieth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV)]	March	Same	Geneva
60.	INSTRAW, Board of Trustees [General Assembly resolutions 33/187 and 34/157]	March/April (1 week)	Same	Santo Domingo
61.	United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	March/April (1 meeting)	Same	New York
62.	Committee for Development Policy, seventh session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46]	4-8 April	Same	New York
63.	Committee of Experts on Public Administration [Economic and Social Council resolution 2001/45 and decision 2003/59]	4-8 April	Same	New York
64.	Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf [annex II, article 2 (5), of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea]	4-8 May	4-8 April	New York
65.	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, forty-second session [General Assembly resolution 1472 A (XIV)]	21 February-4 March	4-15 April	Vienna
66.	United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, first regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 2001/321]	4-8 April	11-15 April	To be determined
67.	UNCITRAL, Working Group	To be determined	11-22 April	New York
68.	Meeting of experts of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [Decision of the States parties at its Fifth Review Conference]	11-22 April	Same	Geneva
69.	ICSC, sixtieth session [General Assembly resolution 3357 (XXIX)]	11-22 April	Same	To be determined
70.	Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group, substantive session [General Assembly resolution 48/42]	March/April (4 weeks)	11 April-6 May	New York
71.	Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice [General Assembly resolution 57/171]	18-25 April	Same	Bangkok

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72.	Economic and Social Council, special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization [General Assembly resolution 50/227]	April (1 day)	25 April	New York
73.	Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues [Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/22]	May (2 weeks)	25 April-6 May	New York
74.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, thirty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	25 April-13 May	Same	Geneva
75.	International Law Commission, fifty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 174 (II)]	25 April-3 June and 4 July-12 August	Same	Geneva
76.	Economic and Social Council, resumed organizational session [Charter]	27-28 April	Same	New York
77.	ESCAP, sixty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 37 (IV), 69 (V) and 723 B (XXVIII)]	April (7 days)	Same	Bangkok
78.	Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat [General Assembly resolution 56/206]	April	Same	Nairobi
79.	ESCWA, Preparatory Committee [Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/26]	April	Same	Beirut
80.	ESCWA, twenty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1818 (LV), 2089 (LXIII) and 1994/26]	April	Same	Beirut
81.	Committee against Torture, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolution 56/44]	2-5 May	Same	Geneva
82.	International Narcotics Control Board, eighty-third session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	2-13 May	Same	Vienna
83.	2005 Review Conference of the States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons [General Assembly resolution 55/33 D]	2-27 May	Same	New York
84.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Minorities [Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/246]	9-13 May	Same	Geneva
85.	Committee against Torture, thirty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	9-20 May	Same	Geneva
86.	United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, Board of Trustees, twenty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 36/151]	9-25 May	Same	Geneva
87.	Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	3 May-15 July	9 May-22 July	New York
88.	High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, organizational session [General Assembly resolution 33/134]	To be determined	10 May	New York
89.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, pre-sessional working group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	16-20 May	Same	Geneva
90.	UNFCCC, meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention [General Assembly decision 56/199]	16-27 May	Same	Bonn

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91.	UNCITRAL, Working Group	To be determined	16-27 May	New York
92.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, thirty-ninth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	16 May-3 June	Same	Geneva
93.	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, fourteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/1]	18-27 May	Same	Vienna
94.	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, parallel meetings for informal consultations and working groups [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/232]	18-27 May (12 meetings)	Same	Vienna
95.	Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families [General Assembly resolution 45/158]	30 May-3 June	Same	Geneva
96.	WFP, Executive Board, annual session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	30 May-3 June	Same	Rome
97.	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	February/March	31 May-3 June	New York
98.	High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, fourteenth session [General Assembly resolution 33/134]	31 May-3 June	Same	New York
99.	United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, Committee of Actuaries [General Assembly resolution 1561 (XV), article XXIX]	June (1 week)	31 May-3 June	New York
100.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Arbitrary Detention [Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/247]	May (1 week)	Same	Geneva
101.	Regional seminar to review the situation in Non-Self-Governing Territories under the Second Decade on the Eradication of Colonialism [General Assembly resolution 55/147]	May (3 days)	Same	To be determined
102.	Committee for Programme and Coordination, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	May (1 day)	11 May	New York
103.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	May	Same	New York
104.	Commission on Science and Technology for Development, eighth session [General Assembly resolution 46/235 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/75]	May	Same	Geneva
105.	UNCTAD, Working Party on the medium-term plan and the programme budget, forty-fourth session, second part [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	May	Same	Geneva
106.	United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, fifty-first session [General Assembly resolution 913 (X)]	May	Same	Vienna
107.	Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, twentieth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/1 and General Assembly resolution 56/206]	May	Same	Nairobi

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108.	Conference on Disarmament, second part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	May/June (7 weeks)	Same	Geneva
109.	Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, Board of Trustees [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	6-8 June	Same	Geneva
110.	Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea [General Assembly resolution 57/141]	6-10 June	Same	New York
111.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	6-10 June	Same	Geneva
112.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery [Economic and Social Council decision 16 (LVI)]	6-10 June	Same	Geneva
113.	WFP, Executive Board, second regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	6-10 June	Same	Rome
114.	UNCITRAL, Working Group	To be determined	6-17 June	New York
115.	Committee on Contributions, sixty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 14 (I) A]	June (3 weeks)	6-24 June	New York
116.	Committee for Programme and Coordination, forty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	June/July (4 weeks)	6 June-1 July	New York
117.	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, Legal Subcommittee, forty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 (XIV)]	8-17 June	Same	Vienna
118.	Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [General Assembly resolutions 37/66 and 49/28]	13-24 June	Same	New York
119.	Meeting of persons chairing human rights treaty bodies [General Assembly resolutions 46/111 and 49/178]	20-24 June	Same	Geneva
120.	Disarmament Commission [General Assembly resolution S-10/2]	11-28 April	20 June-8 July	New York
121.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Working Group on the Optional Protocol [General Assembly resolution 55/70]	27 June-1 July	Same	New York
122.	Group of governmental experts of the States parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects, eleventh session [Decision of the States parties, December 2001]	June	Same	Geneva
123.	Security Council, Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 692 (1991), forty-eighth session	June	Same	Geneva
124.	Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat [General Assembly resolution 56/206]	June	Same	Nairobi

	Organ	*Dates (2003)*	*New Dates (2003)*	*Location*
125.	ECA, Committee of Experts of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, twenty-fourth meeting [Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)]	June	Same	Addis Ababa
126.	ECA, Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, thirty-eighth session of the Commission [Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)]	June	Same	Addis Ababa
127.	Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1989/104 and 1999/65]	June/July (1week)	Same	Geneva
128.	Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP [Governing Council decision 13/2]	June/July (1 day)	Same	Nairobi
129.	United Nations Administrative Tribunal [General Assembly resolution 351 A (IV)]	June/July	Same	Geneva
130.	Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	4-8 July	Same	Geneva
131.	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, thirty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI)]	4-22 July	Same	Vienna
132.	Economic and Social Council, substantive session [Charter]	4-29 July	Same	Geneva
133.	United Nations Board of Auditors [General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]	27-29 June	5-7 July	New York
134.	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	June/July (6-8 meetings per week, up to 30 meetings)	5-8 July and 18-22 July	New York
135.	Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters [General Assembly resolution 37/99 K]	June/July (3-4 days)	5-8 July	Geneva
136.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, thirty-third session [General Assembly resolutions 34/180 and 51/68]	5-22 July	Same	New York
137.	Second Biennial meeting of States to consider the implementation of the Programme of Action on Small Arms [General Assembly resolution 56/24 V]	11-15 July	Same	New York
138.	United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, Standing Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	July (1 week)	11-15 July	New York
139.	Human Rights Committee, eighty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	11-29 July	Same	Geneva
140.	International Law Seminar [General Assembly resolution 49/51]	June-July (3 weeks)	11-29 July	Geneva
141.	Third Open-ended working group on an International Instrument to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons	6-17 June	18-29 July	New York
142.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124, 47/94 and 51/68]	25-29 July	Same	New York

	Organ	*Dates (2005)*	*New Dates (2005)*	*Location*
143.	Group of governmental experts to conduct a study on developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security, third session [General Assembly resolution 56/19]	To be determined (2 weeks)	25 July-5 August	New York
144.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, fifty-seventh session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	25 July-12 August	Same	Geneva
145.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Indigenous Populations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34]	July (1 week)	Same	Geneva
146.	Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1989/104 and 1999/65]	July (3 days)	Same	Geneva
147.	UNCTAD, Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	July	Same	Geneva
148.	UNICEF, Executive Board, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	6-10 June	1-5 August	New York
149.	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, sixty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)]	1-19 August	Same	Geneva
150.	Committee on Conferences [General Assembly resolution 43/222 B]	As required	8-12 August	New York
151.	UNDP and UNFPA, Executive Board, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	13-24 June	8-19 August	New York
152.	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, forty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 A (XIV)]	8-19 August	Same	Vienna
153.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Communications [Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII)]	15-26 August	Same	Geneva
154.	Ad Hoc Committee on the Scope of Legal Protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel	To be determined	22-26 August	New York
155.	Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf [annex II, article 2 (5), of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea]	August/September	29 August-2 September	New York
156.	Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, intersessional forum on economic, social and cultural rights (Social Forum) [Economic and Social Council decision 2003/264]	August (2 days)	Same	Geneva
157.	Conference on Disarmament, third part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	July/September (7 weeks)	August/September	Geneva
158.	UNCCD, Conference of the Parties to the Convention, sixth session, and meetings of subsidiary bodies [General Assembly resolution 56/196]	August/September (2 weeks)	Same	Bonn

	Organ	*Dates (2005)*	*New Dates (2005)*	*Location*
159.	Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996	7-18 February	5-16 September	New York
160.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	September	6-7 September	New York
161.	Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	6 September-23 December	Same	New York
162.	General Assembly, Third Committee [Charter]	October-November (7 weeks)	7-19 September and 3 October-4 November	New York
163.	UNICEF, Executive Board, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	12-16 September	Same	New York
164.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, fortieth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	12-30 September	Same	Geneva
165.	UNDP and UNFPA, Executive Board, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	19-23 September	Same	New York
166.	General Assembly, sixtieth session, General Debate [Charter]	13 September-December	20-30 September	New York
167.	Committee on Information, twenty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 33/115 C]	April/May (2 weeks)	26 September-7 October	New York
168.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Arbitrary Detention [Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/247]	September (1 week)	Same	Geneva
169.	Security Council, Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 692 (1991), forty-ninth session	September (3 days)	Same	Geneva
170.	UNITAR, Board of Trustees, forty-third session, second part [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227]	September (2-3 days)	Same	Geneva
171.	UNRWA, Advisory Commission [General Assembly resolution 302 (IV)]	September (1 day)	Same	Amman
172.	UNCTAD, Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, forty-fifth session [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	September	Same	Geneva
173.	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Security Interests [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	September	Same	Vienna
174.	Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat [General Assembly resolution 56/206]	September	Same	Nairobi
175.	Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP [Governing Council decision 13/2]	September/October (1 day)	Same	Nairobi
176.	United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	September/October (1 meeting)	Same	New York
177.	UNCTAD, Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/67]	September/October	Same	Geneva
178.	General Assembly, high-level dialogue on financing for development [General Assembly resolution 57/250]	October (3 days)	3-5 October	New York

	Organ	*Dates (2003)*	*New Dates (2003)*	*Location*
179.	Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1273 (XLIII) and 1765 (LIV)]	To be determined (1 week)	3-7 October	New York
180.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	3-7 October	Same	Geneva
181.	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Arbitration [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	3-7 October	Same	Vienna
182.	ICSC, sixty-first session [General Assembly resolution 3357 (XXIX)]	11-22 July	10-14 October	New York
183.	Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	10-14 October	Same	Geneva
184.	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Electronic Commerce, forty-second session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	10-14 October	Same	Vienna
185.	General Assembly, Fifth Committee, main session [Charter]	October-November (9 weeks)	10 October-16 December	New York
186.	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Procurement [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	17-21 October	Same	Vienna
187.	Human Rights Committee, eighty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	17 October-4 November	Same	Geneva
188.	Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, fortieth session [General Assembly resolution 2099 (XX)]	October (2 days)	24-25 October	New York
189.	General Assembly, Second Committee [Charter]	October-November (8 weeks)	24 October-16 December	New York
190.	United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, second regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 2001/321]	October	31 October-1 November	New York
191.	UNHCR, Executive Committee, fifty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII)]	October	Same	Geneva
192.	UNCTAD, Trade and Development Board, fifty-second session [General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) and UNCTAD resolution 114 (V)]	October	Same	Geneva
193.	United Nations Administrative Tribunal [General Assembly resolution 351 (IV)]	October/November (5 weeks)	Same	New York
194.	United Nations Board of Auditors, special session [General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]	7 November	Same	To be determined
195.	Committee against Torture, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolution 56/44]	7-11 November	Same	Geneva
196.	WFP, Executive Board, third regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	7-11 November	Same	Rome
197.	Committee against Torture, thirty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	7-18 November	Same	Geneva

	Organ	*Dates (2005)*	*New Dates (2005)*	*Location*
198.	UNFCCC, Conference of the Parties to the Convention, ninth session, and meetings of subsidiary bodies [General Assembly resolution 56/199]	7-18 November	Same	Bonn
199.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, thirty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	7-25 November	Same	Geneva
200.	International Narcotics Control Board, eighty-fourth session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	7-25 November	Same	Vienna
201.	Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, Board of Trustees [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	14-16 November	Same	Geneva
202.	Annual meeting of the States parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [Decision of the States parties at its Fifth Review Conference]	14-18 November	Same	Geneva
203.	Tenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	25 November	Same	Geneva
204.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, pre-sessional working group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	28 November-2 December	Same	Geneva
205.	International Law Weeks [General Assembly resolution 58/77]		28 November-9 December	New York
206.	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Transport Law [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	28 November-9 December	Same	Vienna
207.	Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, Special Meeting in Observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People [General Assembly resolutions 32/40 B and 33/28]	29 November	Same	New York
208.	United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities [General Assembly resolution 32/197]	November (1 day)	30 November	New York
209.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Arbitrary Detention [Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/247]	November (8 days)	Same	Geneva
210.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	November	Same	New York
211.	Group of governmental experts of the States parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects, twelfth session [Decision of the States parties, December 2001]	November	Same	Geneva
212.	Seventh Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [article 13, paragraph 1, of Amended Protocol]	November	Same	Geneva
213.	Annual Meeting of States parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [Convention]	November	Same	Geneva

	Organ	*Dates (2003)*	*New Dates (2003)*	*Location*
214.	Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [General Assembly resolutions 347 (IV) and 1438 (XIV)]	29 November-6 December	6-13 December	New York
215.	UNICEF, Executive Board, extraordinary budgetary session [Executive Board decision 2000/7]	December (2 days)	8-9 December	New York
216.	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Insolvency Law [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	12-18 December	Same	Vienna
217.	UNU, Council, fifty-second session [General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII)]	December (1 week)	Same	Tokyo
218.	Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1989/104 and 1999/65]	December (7 days)	Same	Geneva
219.	Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals [Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/65]	December (3 days)	Same	Geneva
220.	Security Council, Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 692 (1991), fiftieth session	December (3 days)	Same	Geneva
221.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, resumed forty-eighth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39]	December (3 days)	Same	Vienna
222.	Disarmament Commission, organizational session [General Assembly resolution S-10/2]	December (2 days)	Same	New York
223.	Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [General Assembly resolution 55/75]	December (1 meeting)	Same	Geneva
224.	UNCTAD, Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	December	Same	Geneva
225.	Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat [General Assembly resolution 56/206]	December	Same	Nairobi
226.	Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP [Governing Council decision 13/2]	December	Same	Nairobi
227.	UNCTAD, other commodity conferences and commodity meetings [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (up to 30 meetings)	Same	Geneva
228.	UNCTAD, seminars and study groups [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (up to 30 meetings)	Same	Geneva
229.	UNCTAD, consultations of the Secretary-General and of the President of the Trade and Development Board [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (up to 20 meetings)	Same	Geneva

	Organ	*Dates (2005)*	*New Dates (2005)*	*Location*
230.	UNCTAD, executive sessions of the Trade and Development Board [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (3 days)	Same	Geneva
231.	UNDP and UNFPA, Executive Board, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 2020 (XX) and 48/162]	As required	Same	New York
232.	UNICEF, Executive Board, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 57 (i) and 48/162]	As required	Same	New York
233.	Trusteeship Council (and drafting committees) [Charter]	As required	Same	New York
234.	Security Council [Charter]	As required	Same	New York
235.	Security Council Committee of Experts [decision taken by the Security Council at its 1st meeting, 1946]	As required	Same	New York
236.	Security Council, Committee on the Admission of New Members [decision taken by the Security Council at its 42nd meeting, 1946]	As required	Same	New York
237.	Security Council, Committee on Council Meetings away from Headquarters [decision taken by the Security Council at its 1625th meeting]	As required	Same	New York
238.	Security Council Commission established under Security Council resolution 446 (1979)	As required	Same	New York
239.	Security Council, Ad Hoc Committee established under Security Council resolution 507 (1982)	As required	Same	New York
240.	Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait	As required	Same	New York
241.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 748 (1992) concerning the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	As required	Same	New York
242.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia	As required	Same	New York
243.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning Angola	As required	Same	New York
244.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda	As required	Same	New York
245.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone	As required	Same	New York
246.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1160 (1998)	As required	Same	New York
247.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities	As required	Same	New York
248.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1298 (2000) concerning the situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia	As required	Same	New York
249.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism	As required	Same	New York
250.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia	As required	Same	New York

	Organ	*Dates (2005)*	*New Dates (2005)*	*Location*
251.	Security Council, Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 692 (1991)	As required	Same	Geneva
252.	United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine [General Assembly resolution 194 (III)]	As required	Same	New York
253.	Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group [General Assembly resolution 2006 (XIX)]	As required	Same	New York
254.	Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People [General Assembly resolution 3376 (XXX)]	As required	Same	New York
255.	Committee on Relations with the Host Country [General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI)]	As required	Same	New York
256.	Economic and Social Council, informal consultations [General Assembly resolution 50/227]	As required	Same	New York
257.	ECE, committees and working groups [Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV)]	As required	Same	Geneva
258.	International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [Security Council resolution 808 (1993) and General Assembly resolution 47/235]	As required	Same	The Hague
259.	International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [Security Council resolution 955 (1994)]	As required	Same	Arusha
260.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Asia and the Pacific region [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1985/11 and 1988/15]	To be determined (1 week)	Same	Bangkok
261.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean region [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1987/34 and 1988/15]	To be determined (1 week)	Same	Santiago
262.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, African region [Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/11]	To be determined (1 week)	Same	Addis Ababa
263.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East [Economic and Social Council resolution 1776 (LIV)]	To be determined (1 week)	Same	A capital in the region
264.	General meeting on cooperation between the representatives of the secretariats of the United Nations system and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations [General Assembly resolutions 45/82 and 50/16]	To be determined (3 days)	Same	To be determined
265.	ECLAC, Committee of the Whole, twenty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 106 (VI)]	To be determined (2 days)	Same	Santiago
266.	Commission on Sustainable Development, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/63]	To be determined (1 day)	Same	New York

	Organ	*Dates (2005)*	*New Dates (2005)*	*Location*
267.	Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean [General Assembly resolution 56/16]	To be determined	Same	New York
268.	High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations [General Assembly resolution 49/143]	To be determined	Same	New York
269.	Informal Open-ended Working Group on an Agenda for Peace and/or its subgroups [General Assembly resolution 47/120]	To be determined	Same	New York
270.	Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics [Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/48]	To be determined	Same	New York
271.	UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	To be determined	Same	Geneva
272.	UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	To be determined	Same	Geneva
273.	UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	To be determined	Same	Geneva
274.	Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocols, second session [General Assembly resolution 55/25]	To be determined	Same	To be determined
275.	General meeting of representatives of the United Nations system and of the Organization of American States [General Assembly resolution 55/15]	To be determined	Same	To be determined

Annex II

Tentative proposed draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations, 2005 (Option 2)

	Organ	*Dates (2005)*	*New Dates (2005)*	*Location*
1.	Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women, forty-fifth session [General Assembly resolutions 31/133 and 39/125]	January	6 January	New York
2.	Economic and Social Council, second part [Charter]	7 January	10-14 January	Geneva
3.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, thirty-second session [General Assembly resolutions 34/180 and 51/68]	10-28 January	Same	New York
4.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, thirty-eighth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	10-28 January	Same	Geneva
5.	Military Staff Committee [Charter]	14 January, once every fortnight thereafter	Same	New York
6.	Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters [General Assembly resolution 37/99 K]	February (3-4 days)	17-19 January	New York
7.	UNICEF, Executive Board, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	17-21 January	Same	New York
8.	Group of governmental experts to conduct a study on developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security, second session [General Assembly resolution 56/19]	To be determined (1 week)	17-21 January	New York
9.	Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	March (1 week)	17-21 January	New York
10.	UNDP and UNFPA, Executive Board, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	24-28 January	Same	New York
11.	United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, Board of Trustees [General Assembly resolution 46/122]	24-28 January	Same	Geneva
12.	United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	January/February (1 meeting)	28 January	New York
13.	Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP [General Assembly resolution 52/12 B]	January (1 day)	31 January	New York
14.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124, 47/94 and 51/68]	31 January-4 February	Same	New York
15.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Working Group on the Optional Protocol [General Assembly resolution 55/70]	31 January-4 February	Same	New York
16.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	31 January-4 February	Same	Geneva

	Organ	*Dates (2005)*	*New Dates (2005)*	*Location*
17.	International Narcotics Control Board, eighty-second session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	31 January-4 February	Same	Vienna
18.	WFP, Executive Board, first regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	31 January-4 February	Same	Rome
19.	Second Open-ended working group on an International Instrument to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons	31 January-11 February	Same	New York
20.	UNCTAD, Working Party on the medium-term plan and the programme budget, forty-fourth session, first part [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	January (1 week)	Same	Geneva
21.	UNCTAD, Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	January	Same	Geneva
22.	Conference on Disarmament, first part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	January-March (10 weeks)	Same	Geneva
23.	Economic and Social Council, election of Bureau and organizational session [Charter]	1-4 February	Same	New York
24.	Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	1 February-24 March	Same	New York
25.	Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996	7-18 February	Same	New York
26.	General Assembly, Third Committee [Charter]	October-November (7 weeks)	7 February-24 March	New York
27.	UNCITRAL, Working Group	To be determined	14-25 February	New York
28.	UNEP, Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, twenty-third session [General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) and 42/185]	21-25 February	Same	Nairobi
29.	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, forty-second session [General Assembly resolution 1472 A (XIV)]	21 February-4 March	Same	Vienna
30.	Ad Hoc Committee on the Scope of Legal Protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel	To be determined	28 February-4 March	New York
31.	United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations, Board of Trustees [General Assembly resolution 40/131]	28 February-4 March	Same	Geneva
32.	UNCITRAL, Working Group	To be determined	28 February-11 March	New York
33.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	February	Same	New York
34.	UNCTAD, Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	February	Same	Geneva

	Organ	*Dates (2005)*	*New Dates (2005)*	*Location*
35.	UNCTAD, Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	February	Same	Geneva
36.	Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP [Governing Council decision 13/2]	February	Same	Nairobi
37.	Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group, substantive session [General Assembly resolution 48/42]	March/April (4 weeks)	7 March-1 April	New York
38.	Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization	14-24 March	Same	New York
39.	General Assembly, Second Committee [Charter]	October-November (8 weeks)	14 March-6 May	New York
40.	General Assembly, Fifth Committee, first session [Charter]	March-May (8 weeks)	28 March-22 April and 2-27 May	New York
41.	UNITAR, Board of Trustees, forty-third session, first part [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227]	March (2-3 days)	Same	Geneva
42.	Group of governmental experts of the States parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects, tenth session [Decision of the States parties, December 2001]	March	Same	Geneva
43.	Security Council, Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 692 (1991), forty-seventh session	March	Same	Geneva
44.	ECE, sixtieth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV)]	March	Same	Geneva
45.	United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	March/April (1 meeting)	Same	New York
46.	Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf [annex II, article 2 (5), of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea]	4-8 May	4-8 April	New York
47.	Advisory Group of the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [General Assembly resolution 48/163]	7-11 March	4-8 April	Geneva
48.	United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, first regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 2001/321]	4-8 April	Same	To be determined
49.	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, Legal Subcommittee, forty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 (XIV)]	4-15 April	Same	Vienna
50.	UNCITRAL, Working Group	To be determined	11-22 April	New York
51.	Meeting of experts of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [Decision of the States parties at its Fifth Review Conference]	11-22 April	Same	Geneva

	Organ	*Dates (2005)*	*New Dates (2005)*	*Location*
52.	ICSC, sixtieth session [General Assembly resolution 3357 (XXIX)]	11-22 April	Same	To be determined
53.	Disarmament Commission [General Assembly resolution S-10/2]	11-28 April	Same	New York
54.	Commission on Human Rights, sixty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	14 March-22 April	11 April-20 May	Geneva
55.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, forty-eighth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39]	8-17 March	To be determined	Vienna
56.	Committee of the Whole of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs [Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39]	8-17 March (4 days)	12-21 April (4 days)	Vienna
57.	Commission for Social Development, forty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 10 (II), 1139 (XLI) and 1996/7]	9-18 February	13-22 April	New York
58.	High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, organizational session [General Assembly resolution 33/134]	To be determined	14 April	New York
59.	Committee for Programme and Coordination, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	May (1 day)	15 April	New York
60.	Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice [General Assembly resolution 57/171]	18-25 April	Same	Bangkok
61.	Tenth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child [General Assembly resolution 44/25]	February (1 day)	25 April	New York
62.	Committee on Information, twenty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 33/115 C]	April/May (2 weeks)	25 April-6 May	New York
63.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, thirty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	25 April-13 May	Same	Geneva
64.	International Law Commission, fifty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 174 (II)]	25 April-3 June and 4 July-12 August	Same	Geneva
65.	Economic and Social Council, special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization [General Assembly resolution 50/227]	April (1 day)	26 April	New York
66.	Economic and Social Council, resumed organizational session [Charter]	27-28 April	Same	New York
67.	Commission on Human Rights, intergovernmental working group on effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action [Economic and Social Council decision 2003/246]	January/February (2 weeks)	April/May (2 weeks)	Geneva
68.	INSTRAW, Board of Trustees [General Assembly resolutions 33/187 and 34/157]	March/April (1 week)	April/May (1 week)	Santo Domingo
69.	Committee against Torture, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolution 56/44]	2-5 May	Same	Geneva
70.	International Narcotics Control Board, eighty-third session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	2-13 May	Same	Vienna

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71.	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, sixty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)]	7-25 March	2-20 May	Geneva
72.	2005 Review Conference of the States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons [General Assembly resolution 55/33 D]	2-27 May	Same	New York
73.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Situations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/41]	7-11 February	9-13 May	Geneva
74.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Minorities [Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/246]	9-13 May	Same	Geneva
75.	Committee against Torture, thirty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	9-20 May	Same	Geneva
76.	United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, Board of Trustees, twenty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 36/151]	9-25 May	Same	Geneva
77.	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations [Economic and Social Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1296 (XLIV) and decisions 1995/304 and 1997/297]	9-27 May	Same	New York
78.	Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	3 May-15 July	9 May-22 July	New York
79.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, pre-sessional working group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	16-20 May	Same	Geneva
80.	Meeting of persons chairing human rights treaty bodies [General Assembly resolutions 46/111 and 49/178]	20-24 June	16-20 May	Geneva
81.	UNFCCC, meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention [General Assembly decision 56/199]	16-27 May	Same	Bonn
82.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, thirty-ninth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	16 May-3 June	Same	Geneva
83.	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, fourteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/1]	18-27 May	Same	Vienna
84.	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, parallel meetings for informal consultations and working groups [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/232]	18-27 May (12 meetings)	Same	Vienna
85.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	6-10 June	23-27 May	Geneva
86.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery [Economic and Social Council decision 16 (LVI)]	6-10 June	23-27 May	Geneva
87.	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	February/March	30 May-3 June	New York

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88.	Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families [General Assembly resolution 45/158]	30 May-3 June	Same	Geneva
89.	WFP, Executive Board, annual session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	30 May-3 June	Same	Rome
90.	High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, fourteenth session [General Assembly resolution 33/134]	31 May-3 June	Same	New York
91.	Commission on Human Rights, working group of experts on people of African descent [Economic and Social Council decision 2003/246]	February (2 weeks)	May (2 weeks)	Geneva
92.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Arbitrary Detention [Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/247]	May (1 week)	Same	Geneva
93.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	May	Same	New York
94.	Commission on Science and Technology for Development, eighth session [General Assembly resolution 46/235 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/75]	May	Same	Geneva
95.	UNCTAD, Working Party on the medium-term plan and the programme budget, forty-fourth session, second part [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	May	Same	Geneva
96.	United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, fifty-first session [General Assembly resolution 913 (X)]	May	Same	Vienna
97.	Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, twentieth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/1 and General Assembly resolution 56/206]	May	Same	Nairobi
98.	Conference on Disarmament, second part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	May/June (7 weeks)	Same	Geneva
99.	Regional seminar to review the situation in Non-Self-Governing Territories under the Second Decade on the Eradication of Colonialism [General Assembly resolution 55/147]	May (3 days)	May/June (3 days)	To be determined
100.	Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea [General Assembly resolution 57/141]	6-10 June	Same	New York
101.	Third Open-ended Working Group on an International Instrument to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons [General Assembly resolution 58/241]	6-17 June	Same	New York
102.	Committee on Contributions, sixty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 14 (I) A]	June (3 weeks)	6-24 June	New York
103.	Committee for Programme and Coordination, forty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	June/July (4 weeks)	6 June-1 July	New York

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104.	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, forty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 A (XIV)]	8-17 June	Same	Vienna
105.	Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [General Assembly resolutions 37/66 and 49/28]	13-24 June	Same	New York
106.	United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, Committee of Actuaries [General Assembly resolution 1561 (XV), article XXIX]	June (1 week)	27 June-1 July	New York
107.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Working Group on the Optional Protocol [General Assembly resolution 55/70]	27 June-1 July	Same	New York
108.	Group of governmental experts of the States parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects, eleventh session [Decision of the States parties, December 2001]	June	Same	Geneva
109.	Security Council, Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 692 (1991), forty-eighth session	June	Same	Geneva
110.	Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat [General Assembly resolution 56/206]	June	Same	Nairobi
111.	ECA, Committee of Experts of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, twenty-fourth meeting [Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)]	June	Same	Addis Ababa
112.	ECA, Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, thirty-eighth session of the Commission [Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)]	June	Same	Addis Ababa
113.	Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1989/104 and 1999/65]	June/July (1week)	Same	Geneva
114.	Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP [Governing Council decision 13/2]	June/July (1 day)	Same	Nairobi
115.	United Nations Administrative Tribunal [General Assembly resolution 351 A (IV)]	June/July	Same	Geneva
116.	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, thirty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI)]	4-22 July	Same	Vienna
117.	United Nations Board of Auditors [General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]	27-29 June	5-7 July	New York
118.	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	June/July (6-8 meetings per week, up to 30 meetings)	5-8 July and 18-22 July	New York
119.	Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters [General Assembly resolution 37/99 K]	June/July (3-4 days)	5-8 July	Geneva

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120.	**Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, thirty-third session [General Assembly resolutions 34/180 and 51/68]**	5-22 July	Same	New York
121.	**Second Biennial meeting of States to consider the implementation of the Programme of Action on Small Arms [General Assembly resolution 56/24 V]**	11-15 July	Same	New York
122.	**United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, Standing Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]**	July (1 week)	11-15 July	New York
123.	**ICSC, sixty-first session [General Assembly resolution 3357 (XXIX)]**	11-22 July	Same	New York
124.	**International Law Seminar [General Assembly resolution 49/51]**	June-July (3 weeks)	11-29 July	Geneva
125.	**Economic and Social Council, first part [Charter]**	4-29 July	11-29 July	Geneva
126.	**Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124, 47/94 and 51/68]**	25-29 July	Same	New York
127.	**UNCTAD, Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]**	July	Same	Geneva
128.	**Conference on Disarmament, third part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]**	July/September (7 weeks)	Same	Geneva
129.	**Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, Board of Trustees [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]**	6-8 June	1-3 August	Geneva
130.	**Intergovernmental preparatory meeting for the thirteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development [Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/61]**	28 February-4 March	1-5 August	New York
131.	**UNICEF, Executive Board, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]**	6-10 June	1-5 August	New York
132.	**Commission on the Status of Women, forty-ninth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1999/257]**	28 February-11 March	1-12 August	New York
133.	**Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, fifty-seventh session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]**	25 July-12 August	1-19 August	Geneva
134.	**Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, sixty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)]**	1-19 August	Same	Geneva
135.	**Statistical Commission, thirty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/8]**	1-4 March	2-5 August	New York
136.	**Commission on Population and Development, thirty-eighth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 150 (VII), 87 (LVII) and 1995/55]**	4-8 April	8-12 August	New York
137.	**Committee on Conferences [General Assembly resolution 43/222 B]**	As required	8-12 August	New York
138.	**Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]**	4-8 July	8-12 August	Geneva

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139.	UNDP and UNFPA, Executive Board, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	13-24 June	8-19 August	New York
140.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Communications [Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII)]	15-26 August	Same	Geneva
141.	Commission on Sustainable Development, thirteenth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/207]	14 March-1 April	15 August-2 September	New York
142.	Human Rights Committee, eighty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)[	11-29 July	15 August-2 September	Geneva
143.	Committee of Experts on Public Administration [Economic and Social Council resolution 2001/45 and decision 2003/59]	4-8 April	22-26 August	New York
144.	Committee for the United Nations Population Award [General Assembly resolution 36/201]	March/April (2 days)	25-26 August	New York
145.	Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf [annex II, article 2 (5), of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea]	August/ September	29 August-2 September	New York
146.	Group of governmental experts to conduct a study on developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security, third session [General Assembly resolution 56/19]	To be determined (2 weeks)	29 August-9 September	New York
147.	Human Rights Committee, eighty-third session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	March/April (3 weeks)	29 August-16 September	New York
148.	Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1989/104 and 1999/65]	July (3 days)	August (3 days)	Geneva
149.	Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, intersessional forum on economic, social and cultural rights (Social Forum) [Economic and Social Council decision 2003/264]	August (2 days)	Same	Geneva
150.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Indigenous Populations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34]	July (1 week)	August	Geneva
151.	Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat [General Assembly resolution 56/206]	April	August	Nairobi
152.	ESCAP, sixty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 37 (IV), 69 (V) and 723 B (XXVIII)]	April (7 days)	August	Bangkok
153.	ESCWA, Preparatory Committee [Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/26]	April	August	Beirut
154.	ESCWA, twenty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1818 (LV), 2089 (LXIII) and 1994/26]	April	August	Beirut
155.	WFP, Executive Board, second regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	6-10 June	August	Rome

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156.	UNCCD, Conference of the Parties to the Convention, sixth session, and meetings of subsidiary bodies [General Assembly resolution 56/196]	August/September (2 weeks)	Same	Bonn
157.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	November	6-7 September	New York
158.	Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	6 September-23 December	Same	New York
159.	Committee for Development Policy, seventh session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46]	4-8 April	12-16 September	New York
160.	UNICEF, Executive Board, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	12-16 September	Same	New York
161.	Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues [Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/22]	May (2 weeks)	12-23 September	New York
162.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, fortieth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	12-30 September	Same	Geneva
163.	General Assembly, sixtieth session, General Debate [Charter]	13 September-December	Same	New York
164.	UNDP and UNFPA, Executive Board, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	19-23 September	Same	New York
165.	United Nations Forum on Forests, fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35 and decision 2001/218]	16-27 May	19-30 September	New York
166.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Arbitrary Detention [Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/247]	September (1 week)	Same	Geneva
167.	Security Council, Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 692 (1991), forty-ninth session	September (3 days)		Geneva
168.	UNITAR, Board of Trustees, forty-third session, second part [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227]	September (2-3 days)	Same	Geneva
169.	UNRWA, Advisory Commission [General Assembly resolution 302 (IV)]	September (1 day)		Amman
170.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	September	Same	New York
171.	UNCTAD, Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, forty-fifth session [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	September	Same	Geneva
172.	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Security Interests [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	September	Same	Vienna
173.	Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat [General Assembly resolution 56/206]	September	Same	Nairobi
174.	Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP [Governing Council decision 13/2]	September/October (1 day)	Same	Nairobi
175.	United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	September/October (1 meeting)	Same	New York

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176.	UNCTAD, Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/67]	September/October	Same	Geneva
177.	Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1273 (XLIII) and 1765 (LIV)]	To be determined (1 week)	3-7 October	New York
178.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	3-7 October	Same	Geneva
179.	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Arbitration [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	3-7 October	Same	Vienna
180.	United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, second regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 2001/321]	October	3-21 October	New York
181.	General Assembly, Fourth Committee (SPDC) [Charter]	October-November (5 weeks)	3 October-11 November	New York
182.	General Assembly, First Committee [Charter]	October-November (6 weeks)	3 October-11 November	New York
183.	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Electronic Commerce, forty-second session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	10-14 October	Same	Vienna
184.	General Assembly, Fifth Committee, main session [Charter]	October-December (9 weeks)	10 October-16 December	New York
185.	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Procurement [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	17-21 October	Same	Vienna
186.	Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, fortieth session [General Assembly resolution 2099 (XX)]	October (2 days)	24-25 October	New York
187.	General Assembly, high-level dialogue on financing for development [General Assembly resolution 57/250]	October (3 days)	26-28 October	New York
188.	General Assembly, Sixth Committee [Charter]	October-November (6 weeks)	31 October-9 December	New York
189.	UNHCR, Executive Committee, fifty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII)]	October	Same	Geneva
190.	UNCTAD, Trade and Development Board, fifty-second session [General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) and UNCTAD resolution 114 (V)]	October	Same	Geneva
191.	United Nations Administrative Tribunal [General Assembly resolution 351 (IV)]	October/ November (5 weeks)	Same	New York
192.	United Nations Board of Auditors, special session [General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]	7 November	Same	To be determined
193.	Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	10-14 October	7-11 November	Geneva
194.	Committee against Torture, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolution 56/44]	7-11 November	Same	Geneva

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195.	WFP, Executive Board, third regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	7-11 November	Same	Rome
196.	Committee against Torture, thirty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	7-18 November	Same	Geneva
197.	UNFCCC, Conference of the Parties to the Convention, ninth session, and meetings of subsidiary bodies [General Assembly resolution 56/199]	7-18 November	Same	Bonn
198.	Human Rights Committee, eighty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	17 October-4 November	7-25 November	Geneva
199.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, thirty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	7-25 November	Same	Geneva
200.	International Narcotics Control Board, eighty-fourth session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	7-25 November	Same	Vienna
201.	Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, Board of Trustees [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	14-16 November	Same	Geneva
202.	Annual meeting of the States parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [Decision of the States parties at its Fifth Review Conference]	14-18 November	Same	Geneva
203.	Tenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	25 November	Same	Geneva
204.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, pre-sessional working group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	28 November-2 December	Same	Geneva
205.	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Transport Law [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	28 November-9 December	Same	Vienna
206.	Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, Special Meeting in Observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People [General Assembly resolutions 32/40 B and 33/28]	29 November	Same	New York
207.	Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [General Assembly resolutions 347 (IV) and 1438 (XIV)]	29 November-6 December	Same	New York
208.	United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities [General Assembly resolution 32/197]	November (1 day)	30 November	New York
209.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Arbitrary Detention [Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/247]	November (8 days)	Same	Geneva

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210.	Group of governmental experts of the States parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects, twelfth session [Decision of the States parties, December 2001]	November	Same	Geneva
211.	Seventh Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [article 13, paragraph 1, of Amended Protocol]	November	Same	Geneva
212.	Annual Meeting of States parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [Convention]	November	Same	Geneva
213.	Disarmament Commission, organizational session [General Assembly resolution S-10/2]	December (2 days)	November/ December (1 day)	New York
214.	UNICEF, Executive Board, extraordinary budgetary session [Executive Board decision 2000/7]	December (2 days)	1-2 December	New York
215.	Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [General Assembly resolution 1729 (XVI)]	November (1 meeting)	5 December	New York
216.	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Insolvency Law [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	12-18 December	Same	Vienna
217.	UNU, Council, fifty-second session [General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII)]	December (1 week)	Same	Tokyo
218.	Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1989/104 and 1999/65]	December (7 days)	Same	Geneva
219.	Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals [Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/65]	December (3 days)	Same	Geneva
220.	Security Council, Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 692 (1991), fiftieth session	December (3 days)	Same	Geneva
221.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, resumed forty-eighth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39]	December (3 days)	Same	Vienna
222.	Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [General Assembly resolution 55/75]	December (1 meeting)	Same	Geneva
223.	UNCTAD, Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	December	Same	Geneva

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224.	Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat [General Assembly resolution 56/206]	December	Same	Nairobi
225.	Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP [Governing Council decision 13/2]	December	Same	Nairobi
226.	UNCTAD, other commodity conferences and commodity meetings [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (up to 30 meetings)	Same	Geneva
227.	UNCTAD, seminars and study groups [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (up to 30 meetings)	Same	Geneva
228.	UNCTAD, consultations of the Secretary-General and of the President of the Trade and Development Board [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (up to 20 meetings)	Same	Geneva
229.	UNCTAD, executive sessions of the Trade and Development Board [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (3 days)	Same	Geneva
230.	UNDP and UNFPA, Executive Board, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 2020 (XX) and 48/162]	As required	Same	New York
231.	UNICEF, Executive Board, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	As required	Same	New York
232.	Trusteeship Council (and drafting committees) [Charter]	As required	Same	New York
233.	Security Council [Charter]	As required	Same	New York
234.	Security Council Committee of Experts [decision taken by the Security Council at its 1st meeting, 1946]	As required	Same	New York
235.	Security Council, Committee on the Admission of New Members [decision taken by the Security Council at its 42nd meeting, 1946]	As required	Same	New York
236.	Security Council, Committee on Council Meetings away from Headquarters [decision taken by the Security Council at its 1625th meeting]	As required	Same	New York
237.	Security Council Commission established under Security Council resolution 446 (1979)	As required	Same	New York
238.	Security Council, Ad Hoc Committee established under Security Council resolution 507 (1982)	As required	Same	New York
239.	Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait	As required	Same	New York
240.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 748 (1992) concerning the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	As required	Same	New York

	Organ	*Dates (2005)*	*New Dates (2005)*	*Location*
241.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia	As required	Same	New York
242.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning Angola	As required	Same	New York
243.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda	As required	Same	New York
244.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone	As required	Same	New York
245.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1160 (1998)	As required	Same	New York
246.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities	As required	Same	New York
247.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1298 (2000) concerning the situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia	As required	Same	New York
248.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism	As required	Same	New York
249.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia	As required	Same	New York
250.	Security Council, Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 692 (1991)	As required	Same	Geneva
251.	United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine [General Assembly resolution 194 (III)]	As required	Same	New York
252.	Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group [General Assembly resolution 2006 (XIX)]	As required	Same	New York
253.	Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People [General Assembly resolution 3376 (XXX)]	As required	Same	New York
254.	Committee on Relations with the Host Country [General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI)]	As required	Same	New York
255.	Economic and Social Council, informal consultations [General Assembly resolution 50/227]	As required	Same	New York
256.	ECE, committees and working groups [Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV)]	As required	Same	Geneva
257.	International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [Security Council resolution 808 (1993) and General Assembly resolution 47/235]	As required	Same	The Hague
258.	International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [Security Council resolution 955 (1994)]	As required	Same	Arusha

	Organ	*Dates (2003)*	*New Dates (2003)*	*Location*
259.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Asia and the Pacific region [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1985/11 and 1988/15]	To be determined (1 week)	Same	Bangkok
260.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean region [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1987/34 and 1988/15]	To be determined (1 week)	Same	Santiago
261.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, African region [Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/11]	To be determined (1 week)	Same	Addis Ababa
262.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East [Economic and Social Council resolution 1776 (LIV)]	To be determined (1 week)	Same	A capital in the region
263.	General meeting on cooperation between the representatives of the secretariats of the United Nations system and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations [General Assembly resolutions 45/82 and 50/16]	To be determined (3 days)	Same	To be determined
264.	ECLAC, Committee of the Whole, twenty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 106 (VI)]	To be determined (2 days)	Same	Santiago
265.	Commission on Sustainable Development, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/63]	To be determined (1 day)	Same	New York
266.	Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean [General Assembly resolution 56/16]	To be determined	Same	New York
267.	High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations [General Assembly resolution 49/143]	To be determined	Same	New York
268.	Informal Open-ended Working Group on an Agenda for Peace and/or its subgroups [General Assembly resolution 47/120]	To be determined	Same	New York
269.	Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics [Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/48]	To be determined	Same	New York
270.	UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	To be determined	Same	Geneva
271.	UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	To be determined	Same	Geneva
272.	UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	To be determined	Same	Geneva

	Organ	*Dates (2005)*	*New Dates (2005)*	*Location*
273.	Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocols, second session [General Assembly resolution 55/25]	To be determined	Same	Vienna
274.	General meeting of representatives of the United Nations system and of the Organization of American States [General Assembly resolution 55/15]	To be determined	Same	To be determined

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Illustrative agenda of the General Assembly

Note by the Secretariat

Introduction

1. In section B, paragraph 4, of the annex to its resolution 58/126 of 19 December 2003, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General:

> "With a view to better conceptualization of the content of the agenda of the General Assembly, ... to submit to the Assembly, for its consideration by 1 March 2004, an illustrative agenda of the Assembly, based on all the agenda items of the fifty-eighth session, organized around the priorities of the Organization for the period 2002-2005.[1] The General Committee shall hold open-ended discussions on the illustrative agenda before making recommendations on the matter to the Assembly for its decision by 1 July 2004."

2. The present report is submitted pursuant to that request.

3. The agenda of the General Assembly in its current form is a single long list of the items from which the Assembly can choose and construct its programme of work for each session. Its advantages are that it is entirely inclusive and that, by not dividing issues into categories but leaving them in a single monolith, it presents those issues without balance or bias, perhaps in the most neutral form and manner. Its disadvantages, frequently lamented, are that it does not give any sense of structure or direction to the work of the General Assembly, and thereby makes the work of the Assembly remote and inaccessible not only to the general public but to many of those who must deal with it daily and directly.

[1] See paragraph 26 of the introduction to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (*Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/55/6/Rev.1)), adopted in resolution 55/234.
The priorities indicated are detailed fully in footnote 3 of document A/RES/58/126, and they are also enumerated below.

4. In recent meetings on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, a range of participants has underlined the importance of reformulating the agenda to achieve a more focused presentation of the issues and challenges with which the Assembly deals. Various options have been mentioned or suggested, and a non-paper organizing the agenda under the headings of the Millennium Declaration (hereafter the Declaration proposal) was distributed and discussed in the course of revitalization meetings in the autumn of 2003.[2]

5. The premises of the present proposal (hereafter the plan proposal) were two. It was thought that alignment of agenda items within the categories suggested by the priorities of the Organization as identified in the medium-term plan would facilitate systemic coordination. It was also believed that the separation of agenda items into readily comprehensible categories would make the agenda and the work of the General Assembly more accessible and comprehensible, both to delegations and to the general public.

6. It is, of course, for Member States to decide the extent to which the proposal presented here does indeed meet those goals. Certain observations may however, be offered that could inform this process.

The plan proposal

7. The plan proposal differs from the Declaration proposal in that, where the earlier document mixed or modified the categories of the Millennium Declaration, the priorities of the medium-term plan have been utilized here almost entirely in their original form. The only modification made was that one rubric (category I) was added to house "Organizational and administrative matters" (also a feature of the Declaration proposal). Thus, the categories of the plan proposal are:

A. Maintenance of international peace and security;

B. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences;

C. Development of Africa;

D. Promotion of human rights;

E. Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts;

F. Promotion of justice and international law;

G. Disarmament;

H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations;

I. Organizational and administrative matters.

8. How comfortably can these categories and the items of the agenda of the General Assembly be combined?

[2] The non-paper mentioned here was circulated to Member States by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands on 28 October 2003.

9. From the standpoint of the agenda, items covered in plenary meetings are distributed more or less throughout the categories indicated, as would be expected. (Category H is the only one without a plenary item; categories C and E each have only one item, and both of those are plenary items.) Further, items covered by three of the Main Committees (First, Special Political and Decolonization (Fourth), and Fifth) fall neatly into single categories. However, the Second Committee items split into two categories; the Sixth Committee items split into three categories; and the Third Committee items split into four categories, as shown:

Main Committee	*Categories*
I	G
IV	A
II	A, B
III	A, B, D, H
V	I
VI	F, H, I

10. How problematic are these "splits"? Are they merely a natural and accurate reflection of the reach of the work of the Committees across certain issues and borders? Or are they an indication that a better fit or structure might be found? The current agenda, because of its monolithic nature, is not a helpful basis for comparison in answering this question. It suffers no splits between categories because it has no categories. However, it may be recalled that, in the Declaration proposal, only one Committee — the Sixth — was split between two categories. This was achieved partly by combining Millennium Declaration categories, without which splits would also have occurred in the Second Committee (between categories 3 and 4) and the Third Committee (categories 5 and 6), precisely the same Committees that suffer splits above.

Similarities

11. Clearly, neither plan offers a perfect fit, if indeed such a fit is possible. The imperfections present in both of these proposals, and foreseeable in others, indicate the complexity of the issues with which the General Assembly deals. They also suggest the difficulty, if not the impossibility, of identifying and incorporating a structure that will cleanly divide and comfortably house all of the issues and items involved. Further, and perhaps more importantly, these same imperfections also raise a larger question: do Member States want the structure they choose to relate to and reflect the agenda as it now stands? Or do they want a structure that could suggest the future and serve as a means of guiding the agenda and thereby the Assembly towards it — a directive device that could make both the Assembly and its agenda, as often requested, more realistic and responsive?

12. Regardless of which of these goals the Assembly identifies (or whether, indeed, it claims both of them), these and other similarities between the various options and proposals presented, and the suggestions that they offer, may also well be borne in mind.

13. An additional important similarity between the plan proposal and the Declaration proposal, from the standpoint of the categories, is that both proposals reflect what could be considered to be an imbalance between a few categories that are heavily populated and a number that are but sparsely so. This, in turn, could be taken to indicate a divergence between the agreed priorities of the Organization and the actual foci of its effort. In the plan proposal, the population of categories is as follows:

Category		*Number of items*
I	Organizational and administrative	61
B	Sustained economic growth and sustainable development	33
A	Peace and security	32
G	Disarmament	20
F	International law	13
D	Human rights	6
H	Drug control, crime prevention and terrorism	3
C	Africa	1
E	Humanitarian assistance	1

14. It may be recalled, however, that the Declaration proposal also contained some very sparsely populated categories and some that were far fuller. (Of its seven categories, one was entirely empty and another contained but a single item.)

15. Clearly, as these tabulations indicate, there are some significant similarities between the proposals. This may be due in part to the fact that both proposals, as planning tools, have consciously kept categories fairly broad and simple. (The plan proposal, cognizant of its mandate, has specifically done so both for the purpose of encouraging the raising of issues and topics of concern by delegations and for the purpose of making the agenda more accessible and comprehensible to the public at large.)

16. On the other hand, these similarities could lead one to question the degree to which there may indeed already be important, if untapped, consonance and coordination within the Organization, or at least between two of its key directive documents.

17. But these two similar results could also be taken as an indication, or even reconfirmation, that it is not the categories suggested that are imbalanced and in need of adjustment, but perhaps the agenda itself. They could be taken to underline again how very difficult, if not impossible, it would be to find a paradigm that fits the agenda perfectly. Member States, recalling these results and reflecting upon them, might wish to consider both their ramifications and the means by and extent to which they should be addressed.

Comparative advantages

18. Beyond the similarities cited and the questions they raise, beyond the differences and divergences already identified, other considerations will need to be weighed in deciding which, if either, of the proposals presented should prevail. What, then, are the comparative advantages of the two proposals?

19. As an administrative, organizational and directive document of the United Nations, the medium-term plan does not have the cachet of a document like the Millennium Declaration. It was neither intended nor designed to be the kind of visible and visionary call to arms that that document represents. But the Millennium Declaration, however vital and visionary, does not have the close, clear link to the actual, constantly evolving, day-to-day operations from which the medium-term plan clearly benefits. Nor does it offer the responsiveness that that link implies.

20. These considerations alone would seem to raise again the underlying purpose and objective of this exercise. Which document, which structure, and which outlook most directly deals with the principles and practices in play here? Which responds best to the aims and assumptions of this exercise — and to the needs and problems it is seeking to address?

21. It is possible that alignment of agenda items according to the priorities of the medium-term plan might offer a paradigm that is more flexible and more mutable than others proposed. It could be argued that the Millennium Declaration and other longer-term sets of objectives might offer both a different division of categories and a sometimes neater fitting of items within them. But it could also be argued that, by virtue of their constantly evolving nature, the medium-term plan and other similar directive documents lend themselves quite naturally to the kind of purpose being pursued here. By adjusting more frequently, in shorter time frames, to the continuous movement of the Organization and to the changing demands upon it, the structure proposed here might indeed end up being more responsive to the constantly evolving challenges confronting the United Nations in particular and the international community in general — a goal that many have insisted should be foremost in our minds as we seek to revitalize the General Assembly and its work.

Beyond the two options considered

22. Whichever of the proposals prevails, however, there is a caveat that must be clear. Whatever the structure that emerges, the step being contemplated and considered is but the first step towards the goal of a more realistic, representative and responsive agenda. The step of structuring the agenda, while absolutely essential, is also far from sufficient in itself. Regardless of the paradigm chosen, the goal will still lie many steps ahead.

23. The structuring or restructuring of the agenda might highlight the issues with which the Assembly will have to deal, but it will not resolve them. Alone, it cannot even address them.

24. Structuring, while achieving greater focus, will at the same time demand even further focus yet to achieve the goals it has identified. The essential complement to the effort being made to structure the agenda will necessarily be the vigorous continuing exploration of ways in which the agenda can be shortened and streamlined. Renewed attention and commitment to clustering, joint debates, biennialization and triennialization will be necessary. Relating this initiative closely

and effectively to parallel initiatives also currently being examined — like the options being considered for the improved functioning of the Main Committees — will prove important.

25. Beyond these measures, inventive, adaptive and creative use of the best practices of the Main Committees, which are now actively being studied, could prove of great assistance. To give but one example, the practice of the First Committee of subsuming individual items under general rubrics and then discussing them together is a trait that might very usefully be transferred to the General Assembly as a whole. Following that line, one could envisage the Assembly having comprehensive debates on larger thematic areas rather than specific debates on individual items, while retaining the possibility of adopting resolutions on specific agenda items. If Member States were to choose to follow such a path, then structuring the agenda, according to whichever proposal is chosen, will indeed have gained great mileage.

Illustrative agenda of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly

Aligned with the structure of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as requested in section B, paragraph 4, of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/126 of 19 December 2003

A. Maintenance of international peace and security

Plenary items

11. Report of the Security Council.

19. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

20. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies.

21. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict.

22. Assistance in mine action.

26. The situation in Central America.

27. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic.

28. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security.

29. Necessity of ending the embargo against Cuba.

30. Question of Cyprus.

31. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

32. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas).

33. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti.

34. Armed Israeli aggression against Iraqi nuclear installations.

35. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait.

36. Attack against the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the United States.

37. The situation in the Middle East.

38. Question of Palestine.

XX. Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion.

XX. Prevention of armed conflict.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) items

81. Effects of atomic radiation.

82. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space.

83. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

84. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices ...

85. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects.

86. Questions relating to information.

87. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations.

88. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

89. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies ...

90. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories.

Second Committee item

103. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources.

Third Committee item

112. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions.

Note: The item numbers are those of the agenda of the fifty-eighth session (A/58/251). XX indicates items that have been biennialized or triennialized and are not to be considered at the fifty-eighth session.

B. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

Plenary items

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council.
23. Sport for peace and development.
25. University for Peace.
41. Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children.
42. Follow-up to the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage.
43. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin.
44. Culture of peace.
45. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development.
46. Towards global partnerships.
47. Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS.
49. Information and communication technologies for development.
50. Follow-up to major United Nations conferences ... .
51. 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries ... .
160. Global road safety crisis.
XX. Global Agenda for Dialogue among Civilizations.

Second Committee items

91. Macroeconomic policy questions.
92. Sectoral policy questions: preventing transfer of funds of illicit origin ... .
93. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation.
94. Environment and sustainable development.
95. Implementation of Agenda 21 ... .
96. United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.
97. Operational activities for development.
98. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006).
99. Training and research.
100. Globalization and interdependence.
101. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements ... .
102. Third United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries.
104. Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development.

Third Committee items

105. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development ... .
106. Social development.
107. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing.
110. Advancement of women.
111. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women ... .

C. Development of Africa

Plenary item

39. New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support.

D. Promotion of human rights

Plenary item

48. Fifty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Third Committee items

113. Promotion and protection of the rights of children.

114. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.

115. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination.

116. Right of peoples to self-determination.

117. Human rights questions.

E. Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts

Plenary item

40. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance.

F. Promotion of justice and international law

Plenary items

13. Report of the International Court of Justice.

52. Oceans and the law of the sea.

53. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

54. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

XX. The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order.

Sixth Committee items

148. Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order.

149. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law.

150. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property.

151. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law.

152. Report of the International Law Commission.

154. International Criminal Court.

155. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization.

157. Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel.

G. Disarmament

Plenary item

14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

First Committee items

62. Reduction of military budgets.

63. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification.

64. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace.

65. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty.

66. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean.

67. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security.

68. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security.

69. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament.

70. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East.

71. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

72. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.

73. General and complete disarmament.

74. United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament.

75. Disarmament research bodies.

76. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East.

77. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects.

78. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region.

79. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty.

80. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction.

H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

Third Committee items

108. Crime prevention and criminal justice.

109. International drug control.

Sixth Committee item

156. Measures to eliminate international terrorism.

I. Organizational and administrative matters

Plenary items

2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Credentials of representatives.
4. Election of the President of the General Assembly.
5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.
6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.
7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations.
8. Organization of work.
9. General debate.
10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.
15. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs.
16. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections.
17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments.
18. Admission of new Members to the United Nations.
24. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations.
55. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.
56. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council.
57. United Nations reform.
58. Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields.
59. Strengthening of the United Nations system.
60. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit.
61. Multilingualism.
XX. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations.

Fifth Committee items

118. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors.
119. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations.
120. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.
121. Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.
122. Programme planning.
123. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations.
124. Scale of assessments.
125. Pattern of conferences.
126. United Nations common system.
127. Human resources management.
128. Administration of justice at the United Nations.
129. Joint Inspection Unit.
130. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services.
131. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.
132. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.
133. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations.
134. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations.
135. Financing of the United Nations Missions in Angola.
136. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
137. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.
138. Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
139. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor.
140. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor.
141. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea.
142. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia.
143. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991).
144. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo.
145. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East.
146. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone.
147. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara.
161. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire.
165. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia.

Sixth Committee items

153. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.
158. International convention against the cloning of human beings.
159. Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly.
162. Observer status for the Eurasian Economic Community in the General Assembly.
163. Observer status for the GUUAM in the General Assembly.
164. Observer status for the East African Community in the General Assembly.
166. Admission of the International Criminal Court to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.